## In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 35-43 without prejudice or disclaimer.

## CONCLUSION

is respectfully submitted that the apparatus of the present invention as claimed in claims 1-34 are in condition for examination. Claims 35-43 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2000, and the allowance of claims 1-34 is requested.

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